GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:207
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2003
ENVIRONMENTALLY FRAGILE AREAS
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA;M.V.V.S MURTHI

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the areas declared by the Government as environmentally fragile in the country;

(b) the reasons for such declaration;

(c) whether any representations have been received against such declaration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 207 `ENVIRONMENTALLY FRAGILE AREAS` BY SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA AND DR. M.V.V.S. MURTHI; FOR ORAL REP 04.08.2003.

(a) & (b) The Government of India have notified Dahanu Taluka, Mahableshwar-Panchgani and Matheran in Maharashtra State as ecologically sensitive areas under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The objective for such declaration is to impose restriction on industries, operations, processes and other developmental activities in the region that have detrimental effect on the environment so as to ensure planned and regulated development of the region.

(c) & (d) The notifications were issued initially as draft notifications inviting objections and suggestions from the public and all those who were likely to be affected. Final notifications were issued after considering the objections and suggestions received on respective draft notifications and in consultation with the Expert Committee set up in the Ministry for examination of the proposals to declare areas as ecologically sensitive.